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SUBJECT: IV GRANTS FOR FOREIGN LABOR LEADERS

1. IN COOPERATION WITH AFL-CIO, DEPT CONSIDERING SPECIAL
MEANS TO F

RILITATE ATTENDANCE BY FOREIGN LABOR LEADERS AT
BIENNIAL AFL-CIO CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN SAN FRANCISCO

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2. DEPT SUGGESTS POSTS CONSIDER POSSIBILITY TIMING IV VISITS OF FOREIGN LABOR LEADERS TO PERMIT THEIR ATTENDANCE CONVENTION. CONVENTION PRESENTS GOOD PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITY AS PART OF FULL OR PARTIAL GRANT WHICH WOULD COVER CONVENTION PERIOD PLUS SOME ADDITIONAL TRAVEL.

3. FOLLOWING LIST OF NAMES PROVIDED BY AFL-CIO FOR POSTS IV CONSIDERATION: MOROCCO - MAHJOUB BEN SEDDIK, UNION MAROCAINE DU TRAVAIL (UMT); TUNISIA - HABIB ACHOUR, SECRETAIRE GENERAL, UNION GENERALE TUNISIENNE DU TRAVAIL (UGTT); BANGLADESH - MR. ABDUR RAHMAN, PRESIDENT, JATIO SHRAMIK LEAGUE; INDIA - MR. B.C. BHAGAVATI, M.P. PRESIDENT, INDIAN NATIONAL TRADE UNION CONGRESS; MR. MAHESH DESAI, GENERAL SECRETARY, HIND MAZDOOR SABBA; JORDAN - MR. AHID QUNTAR, GENERAL SECRETARY, JORDANIAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE AIRLINE WORKERS' UNION; MR. SAMI MANSOUR, PRESIDENT, AORDA IAN FEDERATION OF TRADE

UNIONS, ALSO PRESIDENT OF GENERAL TRANSPORT WORKERS' UNION OF JORDAN; LEBANON - MR. GABRIEL KHOURY, PRESIDENT, LEBANON CONFEDERATION OF LABOR, ALSO PRESIDENT OF BANK EMPLOYEES' UNION; PAKISTAN - MR. BASHIR BAKHTIAR, PRESIDENT, ALL PAKISTAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (APFTU); MR. MOHAMED SHARIF, PRESIDENT, PAKISTAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS; SIR LANKA - MR. S. THONDAMAN, PRESIDENT, CEYLON WORKERS' CONGRESS.

4. NUMBER OF FOREIGN LABOR LEADERS ALSO PLANNING ATTEND CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) TO BE HELD IN MEXICO CITY IN OCTOBER. POSTS MAY WISH CONSIDER THESE INDIVIDUALS FOR PARTIAL IV GRANTS TO ATTEND CONVENTION AND HAVE TWO WEEKS PROGRAMMING PRIOR ICFTU MEETING. SUCH GRANTS WOULD COVER U.S. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM PLUS ANY DIFFERENCE IN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUIRED BY U.S. STOPOVER. DEPT REALIZES FIRM DECISION REGARDING ICFTU ATTENDANCE MAY NOT BE MADE FOR SOME TIME.

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5. REQUEST POSTS REVIEW LIST OF AFL-CIO CANDIDATES AND INFORM DEPT WHETHER GRANTS FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE AVAILABLE WITHIN EXISTING IV PRIORITIES.

6. SINCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOREIGN LABOR LEADER ATTENDANCE AT AFL-CIO CONVENTION ARE IN PLANNING STAGE, NO MENTION OF POSSIBILITY OF GRANT SHOULD BE MADE AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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